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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7-16, and 18-23 are pending in this application, with claims 13-15 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 9 and 13-15 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 10-12 are amended herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 10-12, 16, and 18-23 will be pending. Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 16 and 18-23 have been indicated as allowed. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the rejections are respectfully requested.

No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. Support for the amendments is detailed below.

Claims 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. (Office paragraph p. 2)

The rejection of claim 9 is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 9 without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 10-12 is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to these claims.

On page 2 of the Office action, the Examiner states that:

“The product claims are allowed, and prosecution on them is closed. The process claims are now examined for ‘112 compliance only. It is suggested to limit the next response to cancelling claims or inserting the phrase ‘of claim 1 as appropriate.’”

Claims 10-12 have been rewritten to be product claims dependent from product claim 1. The limitations in claims 10-12 have been rewritten as further limitations on the product of claim 1, with

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the original method limitations being rewritten as product-by-process limitations. Since claim 1 has been allowed, applicant respectfully requests allowance of amended claims 10-12.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicant's undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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